(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Expansion of Government Steel Plants

1192. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) when the last expansion in respect of each Government Steel Plant was undertaken by Government during the last three years;

(b) what are the details thereof (plant-wise) indicating cost over-run because of the delay in execution of the expansion/production capacity (year-wise) till date;

(c) what efforts Government have made, so far, to inquire into the matter and whether any official has been found guilty; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Government Steel Plants have not undertaken any expansion scheme during the last three years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Losses by Steel Plants

1193. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to depression in the steel market our steel plants, both in private/public sectors, are incurring huge losses;

(b) if so, what is the total loss figure, year-wise for the last three years suffered by our domestic industry; and

(c) what are Government's plans to revamp Indian steel industry which is facing hard competition in the world market after globalisation indicating the budgetary provisions made during 1999-2000 period?